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Dr. Charles M. Davis Named Director of Central State Hospital

Richmond—James S. Reinhard, M.D., Commissioner, announced today that he has hired Charles M. Davis, M.D. as director of Central State Hospital in Dinwiddie County. Dr. Davis is currently the Director of the Office of Medical Affairs at Central State Hospital, a position that he has held since April, 1999. Central State is a 280 bed state-operated psychiatric facility, which provides active treatment for individuals with serious and persistent mental illness. The hospital includes the state's only maximum-security forensic unit for treatment of persons involved with the criminal justice system. Dr. Davis will begin his duties as director on February 25.

Dr. Reinhard said, "I am pleased to be able to appoint a psychiatrist with experience in academic, forensic, public sector, private practice and community mental health service. Dr. Davis has a vision that will, along with the dedicated hospital staff, continue to move this key institution towards being a premier facility."

A native of Asheville, N.C., Dr. Davis is a psychiatrist certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in forensic psychiatry, addiction psychiatry, geriatric psychiatry and pain medicine. He is also certified in sex offender treatment. Having received his M.D. degree from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College, he completed his psychiatric residency training at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. He served as Lieutenant Commander, Medical Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve on Active Duty attached to the Naval Hospital, Naval Training Center, Orlando, Florida.

Dr. Davis has an extensive career in hospital psychiatry. He was a founder of David C Wilson Hospital in Charlottesville where he had a practice. He served for six years as a member of the State Human Rights Committee. When the United States Department of Justice investigated Eastern State Hospital under the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act (CRIPA), Dr. Davis became hospital medical director in 1993 and led the clinical staff through a Plan of Correction that resulted in dismissal of the federal court case six years later. He assumed the medical director position at Central State Hospital after a CRIPA case had similarly been filed against Central State. This case was dismissed in October, 2001. The medical expert for United States Department of Justice, Dr. Warren A. Olson, is quoted as saying "It is my opinion that Central State Hospital is now in the vanguard of treatment facilities nationally for these special patient populations."

Dr. Davis has held clinical faculty appointments in the departments of psychiatry at all three of the Commonwealth's Medical Schools: the University of Virginia School of Medicine in Charlottesville, the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond and the Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk .

He is a member of scientific, honorary and professional societies and he was named a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association in 2003. Dr. Davis has served as forensic psychiatry consultant to the California Department of Justice.